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EXTENSION OF THE DISASTER RELIEF ACT OF 1974

MAY 16, 1983.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. HUMPHREY, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 1293]

The Committee on Environment and Public Works reports an original bill (S. 1293), to extend authorizations for appropriations for the Disaster Relief Act of 1974, and for other purposes and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

The current authorizations for appropriations under the Disaster Relief Act of 1974 (Public Law 93–288, 42 U.S.C. 5121–5202) have expired. The bill would extend the authorizations for one year, through September 30, 1984.

No new monetary authorization is provided for the President's Disaster Relief Fund. Unobligated balances in the Fund should be sufficient to fund the disaster relief program through fiscal year 1984. The Federal Emergency Management Agency estimates unobligated balances of $432 million at the start of the year and a budget for 1984 of $225 million.

The bill provides an authorization for appropriations of $6,300,000 to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for administrative expenses.

ROLLCALL VOTES

Section 7(b) of Rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate and the rules of the Committee on Environment and Public Works require that any rollcall votes be noted in this report. There were no rollcall votes taken during committee consideration of this measure. The bill was approved by voice vote.

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Cost of the Legislation

Section 403 of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act requires that an estimate of the cost of the bill as reported be prepared by the Congressional Budget Office. That estimate follows:

U.S. Congress,
Congressional Budget Office,
Washington, D.C., May 16, 1983.

Hon. Robert T. Stafford,
Chairman, Committee on Environment and Public Works, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Chairman: Pursuant to Section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Congressional Budget Office has prepared the attached cost estimate for a bill to extend authorizations for appropriations for the Disaster Relief Act of 1974, and for other purposes.

Should the Committee so desire, we would be pleased to provide further details on this estimate.

Sincerely,

James Blum
(For Alice M. Rivlin, Director).

Congressional Budget Office—Cost Estimate

May 16, 1983.

1. Bill number: Not yet assigned.

2. Bill title: A bill to extend authorizations for appropriations for the Disaster Relief Act of 1974, and for other purposes.

3. Bill status: As amended and ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environmental and Public Works, May 10, 1983.

4. Bill purpose: The bill authorizes $6.3 million for administrative expenses of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) incurred as a result of its responsibilities under the Disaster Relief Act of 1974. The bill authorizes no additional appropriations in fiscal year 1984 for disaster relief assistance.

5. Estimated cost to the Federal Government:

	Millions
Authorization level:	
Fiscal year:	
1984	$6.3
1985	---
1986	---
1987	---
1988	---
Estimated outlays:	
Fiscal year:	
1984	5.9
1985	.4
1986	---
1987	---
1988	---

The costs of this bill fall within budget function 450.

Basis of estimate: For the purposes of this estimate, it was assumed that funds authorized by the bill are appropriated prior to the start

of the fiscal year and that all funds would be obligated and disbursed at rates similar to that of the existing program at FEMA.

6. Estimated cost to State and local governments: None.
7. Estimate comparison: None.
8. Previous CBO estimate: None.
9. Estimate prepared by Linwood T. Lloyd.
10. Estimate approved by:

C. G. NUCKOLS
(For James L. Blum,
Assistant Director for Budget Analysis).

EVALUATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT

In accordance with section 11(b) of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee has evaluated the regulatory impact of the bill. This legislation creates no new regulatory requirements.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with paragraph 12 of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, changes in existing law made by the bill as reported are shown as follows: Existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italic, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman:

DISASTER RELIEF ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED (PUBLIC LAW 93-288; 42 U.S.C. 5121-5202)

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AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

SEC. 606. Except as provided by the amendment made by section 501, there are authorized to be appropriated to the President such sums as may be necessary to carry out this Act through the close of September 30, 1981, [and to the Federal Emergency Management Agency such sums as may be necessary for administrative expenses through the close of September 30, 1981 [.]] *and zero funds for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1984, and to the Federal Emergency Management Agency $6,300,000 for administrative expenses for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1984.*

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